

Senate Resolution 653 designates October 30, 2010, as a National Day of Remembrance for American nuclear weapons program workers and uranium miners, millers, and haulers. The Day of Remembrance honors the hundreds of thousands of men and women who supported the nation's nuclear efforts during the Cold War for the benefit of all American citizens. These dedicated American workers paid a high price for their service and many have developed disabling or fatal illnesses as a result of exposure to beryllium, ionizing radiation, toxic substances, and other hazards that are unique to the production and testing of nuclear weapons. The National Day of Remembrance recognizes their patriotic service at a time when our country needed them most and provides a day to celebrate their achievements and to honor the sacrifices they made to help keep our country and its citizens safe. On Memorial Day, we observed a special time on that special day for a "National Moment of Remembrance" and I will be pausing my activities at 3:00pm this Saturday, October 30th, to honor these Workers. I ask you also to pause and join me so all of us can share in remembering their sacrifices and accomplishments.

Regards,

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